



Revised Agenda

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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THE MEETING'S GOALS:

1. Select our Chair and Vice Chair for two year terms beginning today
2. Discuss Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) "Lessons Learned" document
3. Hear from the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee about RSMP implementation
4. Hear findings of the analysis of the Phase I permittees' stormwater discharge monitoring
5. Hear about WSDOT's maintenance facilities effectiveness study proposals
6. Hear from our staff and subgroups about the status of implementing our work plan
7. Decide on messages and timing for the next issue of the SWG Reporter
8. Hear about other issues/topics related to our work

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9:00 Welcome, introductions, and review the meeting's agenda and goals

9:05 Selection of new Chair and Vice Chair

- *Our Chair and Vice Chair serve two-year terms. Jim Simmonds has been our one and only chair since the work group started. Tom Putnam has been our vice chair since about mid-way through our work to date.*
 - *Jim has chaired more than 60 work group meetings, led 8 large public workshops, participated in countless technical subgroup meetings, convened the local government stormwater caucus, and invested thousands of hours in making this effort a success.*
 - *Let's take a moment to say "thank you" to Jim for his leadership these past six-plus years!*
- *Today we will select new work group members to fill Jim's and Tom's shoes. The following people have accepted their nominations:*
 - *For Chair: Cami Apfelbeck (Bainbridge Island), Ben Parrish (Covington), Andy Rheaume (Redmond)*
 - *For Vice Chair: Abby Barnes (WDNR)*
- *Our new Chair and Vice Chair will begin their terms at today's meeting.*

9:15 Discuss "RSMP Lessons Learned"

- *During discussions related to SWG work planning last fall, the work group asked SWG staff Karen Dinicola to compile a list of "lessons learned" in creating and launching the RSMP. The lessons would be highlighted in the SWG Reporter, inform future RSMP decisions, and help interested parties see how we are adaptively managing our efforts. Karen developed a draft list of lessons for work group members to review and add to during our discussion today. The draft list is a combination of observations and recommendations gleaned from notes on discussions of the SWG, the Pooled Resources Oversight Committee (PRO-Committee), and our subgroups. The PRO-Committee reviewed this document via email.*
- *Do work group members have any questions about the draft document? What direction can work group members provide to Karen to improve the document? Is it ready to go out via the next SWG Reporter?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

9:45 RSMP implementation briefing by the PRO-Committee Vice Chair and RSMP Coordinator

- *The PRO-Committee last met February 3 and will next meet in mid-April to review deliverables. The committee decided to identify a liaison for each effectiveness study to help the RSMP Coordinator review and approve deliverables and communicate the progress, findings, and any concerns about the project to the SWG.*
- *The Streams QAPP Addendum Committee is gathering material for addressing the priority questions previously discussed by the work group. Brandi will compile the addendum and guide the document through approval.*



- *Amendments are underway to support adjustments to stream sampling responsibilities as sites are disqualified and replaced.*
- *A decision is needed as to whether to identify 8 more sites to bring the summer sampling total to 100.*
- *The PRO-Committee agreed that Brandi's time as project manager is not RSMP Coordination but a project cost (the RSMP will pay WDFW for this role for the mussel monitoring and another outside entity for the sediment monitoring).*
- *The near-final scope of work for the mussel monitoring agreement will be reviewed by the PRO-Committee soon. This QAPP should be finalized in the next month or so for site confirmation to take place in May-June.*
- *Ecology has approved the first deliverables of the USFWS bioretention toxicity reduction effectiveness study.*
- *Revised scopes of work for the next two effectiveness studies and first SIDIR project were submitted earlier this week and are under review by Ecology. The PRO-Committee will review these via email prior to Ecology routing those agreements for signature.*
 - *A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be formed for the business inspection source control effectiveness study. The City of Lakewood would like assistance identifying TAC members. Do work group members wish to participate, or have nominations for the study proponents to consider asking?*
 - *The City of Bellingham has identified a list of participating jurisdictions and will also form a TAC for the bioretention hydrologic performance study.*
- *Will Appleton has taken a new position and would like to have his replacement, Theresa Thurlow, named as a local government representative on the PRO-Committee. The SWG needs to confirm the membership, and the committee will select a new chair. Is Theresa Thurlow confirmed as a PRO-Committee member?*
 - *The other current local government representatives are Ben Parrish, Jim Simmonds, and Kelly Uhacz; and alternates are Heather Kibbey, Kit Paulsen, Bill Reilly, and Carla Vincent.*
- *Do work group members have any questions? Do work group members wish to provide further direction to the PRO-Committee and RSMP Coordinator?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

10:15 Break

10:30 Stormwater discharge monitoring results and findings

- *In the last Phase I permit cycle, the permittees conducted stormwater discharge monitoring to characterize runoff from various land use types. Ecology compiled and summarized the data, and the data are available for further analysis. RSMP Coordinator Brandi Lubliner began this work in her previous position. Will Hobbs of Ecology's Environmental Assessment Program took over from Brandi and was the report's lead author. The report is available for download from <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1503001.html>. Will's co-author Nat Kale will present the findings of the report to us today.*
- *Do work group members have any questions or comments?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:15 WSDOT maintenance facilities stormwater management effectiveness studies

- *WSDOT has begun planning their next round of facility effectiveness studies focusing on treatment retrofits at two maintenance facilities in western and one in eastern Washington. WSDOT has met with Ecology's permit writers and engineers to discuss their initial ideas.*
- *During the work group's deliberations on WSDOT's draft permit monitoring requirements in 2013, work group members agreed and commented to Ecology that an open and inclusive process should be undertaken to determine the next effectiveness studies since they were not available for public comment during the permit issuance process.*
- *Fred Bergdolt of WSDOT will engage the Roads and Highways Subgroup, which has statewide representation including several county transportation department representatives, to review the facilities study proposals and provide feedback to the SWG, WSDOT, and Ecology.*



- *Meanwhile, WSDOT is continuing to monitor vegetated filter strip effectiveness for highways. When this monitoring is complete WSDOT will consult with Ecology and also gather input from the Roads and Highways Subgroup and the SWG to begin developing the next round of highway BMP effectiveness studies.*
- *Do work group members have any questions or comments?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:30 Work plan implementation – updates from our advisory subgroups and other committees

- *Our subgroups continue to make progress toward achieving the goals established in our 2015-2016 work plan.*
- *We discussed Effectiveness, Marine Nearshore Status and Trends, Pooled Resources Oversight Committee, Roads and Highways, Small Streams Status and Trends, and Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) in previous agenda items. What information or updates do other subgroups have to share today?*
 - *Agricultural Runoff: this subgroup will meet on Friday, March 13. We hope to hear a brief update from them at our June 3 meeting and a detailed update our September 16 meeting.*
 - *Communication: the most recent issue of the SWG Reporter went out on January 31. Possible topics for the next issue, anticipated for release in the next week or two, include:*
 - *Lessons learned will shape recommendations for future monitoring and permit requirements*
 - *SWG encourages permittees to submit SIDIR data in excel spreadsheet format*
 - *RSMP mussel monitoring sites will be confirmed in May-June*
 - *Next RSMP quarterly report due out in mid-April; deliverables are coming in and posted on web*
 - *New chair and vice chair selected; join our effort*
 - *Work Plan: our 2015-2016 work plan was approved in January and updates will be considered this fall.*
- *Do work group members wish to provide additional direction for our subgroups?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:45 PSEMP coordination and other updates related to our work

- *Since our last meeting the PSEMP Steering Committee met February 10 and March 10. What decisions have been made by the Steering Committee, or will be made at future meetings, on which the work group might want to provide input?*
- *PSEMP staff met March 5. What are the other topical workgroups discussing and what are our related plans, needs and interests?*
 - *In June we will hear more about Chinook recovery indicator selection.*
 - *Also in June, the work group will likely be asked to weigh in on PSP's choice of vital sign indicators for the stormwater strategic initiative.*
- *The Lower Columbia Habitat and Water Quality Status and Trends Monitoring program's final study design report was submitted to Ecology on February 27. The project has entered a new phase where a QAPP will be completed and recommendations made for implementing the program, including proposed permit requirements for the 8 permittees located in the Lower Columbia region.*
- *Do work group members have any other updates related to our work or otherwise of interest to our members?*
- *Are there any comments from non-work group members?*

11:55 Recap of today's meeting and hear other updates or announcements

- *Summarize decisions, action items, and next steps from today's meeting*
- *Are there other activities, decisions, or upcoming events of which work group members should be aware?*

12:00 Adjourn



NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 from **9am to 1pm** at the USGS Office in Tacoma, with possible extended hours as needed.

Expected agenda topics include:

- *Chinook recovery indicators selected by the Salmon Recovery Monitoring Workgroup*
- *Findings of a recent survey and report on non-agricultural pesticide usage*
- *Findings of the RSMP effectiveness study: bioretention toxicity reduction*
- *Stormwater “linkages” in next State of the Sound report*
- *Updates on implementation of RSMP status and trends monitoring, effectiveness studies, and SIDIR*
- *Progress on implementing our 2015-2016 work plan*
- *Messages and timing for the next SWG Reporter*
- *Other updates related to our work*

The remaining work group meeting dates for 2015 are **September 16** and **November 18**.

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